

Appendix B: Digital Reading Survey, Classroom Version³

Name:⁴

School:

Teacher:

Period:

Gender:

Grade:

Internet and Device Use

Do you have a connection to the Internet at home?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Do you have a computer at home that can access the Internet?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Do you ever use the Internet from your own smartphone (e.g., BlackBerry, iPhone, Android)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Do you have your own dedicated e-reader device (e.g., Kindle or Nook with no email, games, etc.)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Do you have your own Internet-enabled device that is handheld (e.g., iPod Touch, PSP, Nintendo DS)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Do you have your own tablet (e.g., Kindle Fire, Galaxy, iPad, Surface)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

A template version of this survey can be found on our wiki.

Overall, how often do you go online? (This might include playing games, chatting, video chatting, watching videos, reading articles, using social networks, and many other activities that take place via the Internet.)

- ☐ Several times a day
- ☐ About once a day
- ☐ 3–5 days a week
- ☐ 1–2 days a week
- ☐ Every few weeks
- ☐ Never
- ☐ Don't know

Social Networking

Which accounts do you have? Check all that apply.

- ☐ Facebook
- ☐ Twitter
- ☐ Instagram
- ☐ Google+
- ☐ Pinterest
- ☐ Other:

What social network account do you use the MOST?

- ☐ Facebook
- ☐ Twitter
- ☐ Instagram
- ☐ Google+
- ☐ Pinterest
- ☐ Other:

With this account that you use the MOST, how often do you use this network to discuss reading?

- ☐ All the time
- ☐ Quite often
- ☐ Occasionally
- ☐ Very infrequently
- ☐ Not at all

Do you have a social network account on a site devoted to reading, such as Goodreads or Shelfari?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Do you have an account on a site devoted to reading and fan fiction, such as Quotev, Wattpad, or FanFiction.Net?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Digital Reading Outside School

Think about the reading you do for yourself, NOT for school.

Do you read content from the Internet such as news stories, blog posts, or other material, at least occasionally?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Do you read digital books or magazines, at least occasionally?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Please check any of the items that you have read digitally OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL.

- ☐ News articles
- ☐ Journals
- ☐ Essays
- ☐ Blogs
- ☐ Any type of fiction, classic or contemporary
- ☐ Any type of nonfiction, classic or contemporary
- ☐ Poetry, plays, or other expressive works
- ☐ Music and lyrics
- ☐ Letters, messages, notes from other people
- ☐ Text messages, tweets, or other short digital posts.

Thinking about when you are reading for yourself and NOT for school, do you usually read on paper or do you read using an electronic device?

- ☐ Usually on paper
- ☐ Usually on electronic device
- ☐ A mixture, depending on situation
- ☐ Don't know

How much do you enjoy the reading you do just for yourself?

- ☐ A great deal
- ☐ Some
- ☐ Not much
- ☐ Not at all
- ☐ I don't read unless it's for school
- ☐ Don't know

Do you think of reading text messages, email, IMs, or social networking posts as READING?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Digital Reading in School

Please check any of the items that you have read digitally as part of your SCHOOL WORK.

- ☐ News articles
- ☐ Journals
- ☐ Essays
- ☐ Blogs
- ☐ Any type of fiction, classic or contemporary

- ☐ Any type of nonfiction, classic or contemporary
- ☐ Poetry, plays, or other expressive works
- ☐ Music and lyrics
- ☐ Letters, messages, notes from other people
- ☐ Text messages, tweets, or other short digital posts.

When you complete schoolwork, do you usually read on paper or do you read on an electronic device?

- ☐ Usually on paper
- ☐ Usually on electronic device
- ☐ A mixture, depending on situation
- ☐ Don't know

For which classes do you read on an electronic device?

- ☐ English
- ☐ Social studies
- ☐ Math
- ☐ Science
- ☐ Music
- ☐ Phys ed
- ☐ Art
- ☐ Media/Computer
- ☐ Other:

Do you read on electronic devices during school hours?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

How much do you enjoy the reading that you do for school?

- ☐ A great deal
- ☐ Some
- ☐ Not much
- ☐ Not at all
- ☐ Don't know

If your teachers were able to use more computer-based tools to teach reading—such as games, reading help programs and websites, or multimedia—do you think this would help improve your reading skills?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know

Reading Skills and Interest

Do you read more when you can read on an electronic device?

- ☐ Read more because of device
- ☐ Read less because of device
- ☐ Makes no difference
- ☐ I never read on an electronic device
- ☐ I don't know

In the past year, do you think your reading skills have improved, gotten worse, or stayed the same?

- ☐ Skills improved
- ☐ Skills have gotten worse
- ☐ Little or no change
- ☐ I don't know

Do you think using electronic devices makes students more or less likely to READ BETTER OVERALL?

- ☐ More likely
- ☐ Less likely
- ☐ Makes no difference
- ☐ I don't know

Do you think using electronic devices makes students more or less likely to be INTERESTED in what they read?

- ☐ More likely
- ☐ Less likely
- ☐ Makes no difference
- ☐ I don't know

If you had to choose, which do you prefer:

- ☐ Reading a print text
- ☐ Reading on an electronic device

Open-Ended Questions

Imagine you are sitting at the computer or holding your smartphone or tablet and you are about to read something. What is most likely on your screen?

If you want to find something different to read than what is on your screen, how do you do it and how do you decide what to read?

With digital texts, you can make many choices about how to interact with a text (e.g., clicking links, looking up definitions, watching videos). How do these digital opportunities affect your reading?

If you come across a difficult text when you are reading on a computer or electronic device, what do you do to help you understand what you are reading?

Many people share links to articles with friends or family, post reviews of books on websites, or make comments about something they have read on social networks. How do you share your reading with other people?

As you have completed this survey, what else has come to mind about your habits as a digital reader? Please tell me anything else you think I should know.